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Applicant: LITTLE et al.

Serial No.: 08/786,988

Filed: January 23, 1997

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING
AND ANALYZING LOW VOLUME ANALYTE
ARRAY ELEMENTS

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Bex, P.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231, on this date.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment responsive to the Office Action, mailed February 8, 2001, with a check (\$600) for the requisite fees for a three month extension of time (\$445) and Notice of Appeal (\$155), a Notice of Appeal and a return postcard. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Extension fee for response within the third month:

(X) By a small entity.....\$600.00

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension, fees for excess claims and any fee, including any submitted herewith if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount or otherwise improper or missing, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

DO NOT ENTER (08/17/01)

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed February 8, 2001, entry of the amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendment should place claims into condition for allowance. For example, claim 1 is amended to recite that the volumes dispensed are sub to low nanoliter volumes, thereby rendering claim 1 commensurate in scope with the DECLARATION of record in this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 5, 25, 31, 40 and 70 with amended claims 1, 5, 25, 31, 40 and 70 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for forming an array of a sample material on a surface of a substrate and analyzing the sample material in the resulting array, comprising:

providing a vesicle that has an interior chamber containing a fluid comprising a solvent containing the sample material;



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